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TO AMEMBASSY DAKAR PRIORITY
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FROM AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PLOS, SG

SUBJECT: LOS - MESSAGE FOR AMBASSADOR CISSE

REF: DAKAR 8404

1. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR HAVING THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE
DELIVERED TO AMBASSADOR CISSE. IF CISSE IS NOT PRESENTLY
IN DAKAR, PLEASE NOTIFY THE APPROPRIATE INFO ADDRESSEE SO
THAT LATTER CAN TRANSMIT MY MESSAGE.

2. BEGIN TEXT:
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DEAR AMADOU:

OUR EMBASSY IN DAKAR HAS INFORMED ME THAT YOU WILL BE
AMBASSADOR OF SENEGAL IN PARIS. I SEND YOU MY WARMEST
CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT,
WITH MY CONFIDENT EXPECTATION THAT YOU WILL ENJOY A

BRILLIANTLY SUCCESSFUL MISSION IN PARIS.

I VERY MUCH HOPE YOUR POSTING TO PARIS WILL PERMIT YOU TO CONTINUE TO LEAD YOUR COUNTRY'S DELEGATION TO THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE. WE HAVE GREAT NEED OF YOUR SKILL AND WISDOM AS WE ENTER THE NEXT AND MOST CRITICAL PHASE OF THE CONFERENCE

I, AND I AM SURE YOUR OTHER COLLEAGUES AT THE CONFERENCE, VALUE HIGHLY THE VITAL ROLE YOU HAVE PLAYED FOR SO LONG IN ENCOURAGING ACCOMMODATION OF DIFFERING VIEWS.

I HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED BY THE RECENT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS IN GENEVA AND NEW YORK ON PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS, AND I THINK WE ARE POINTING IN A CONSTRUCTIVE DIRECTION. THERE ARE, HOWEVER, MOST DIFFICULT QUESTIONS OF SUBSTANCE WITH WHICH WE MUST GRAPPLE.

IN THIS CONNECTION, I AM HAVING SENT TO YOU A COPY OF OUR CRITIQUE OF THE SEABEDS PROVISIONS OF THE ICNT WHICH I HAD INTENDED TO GIVE YOU IN GENEVA BUT WAS NOT ABLE TO DO WHEN YOU BECAME INDISPOSED. THIS CRITIQUE SETS OUT OUR ESSENTIAL DIFFICULTIES WITH THE CURRENT TEXT. I WOULD WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS.

I LOOK FORWARD TO THE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS NEXT MONTH WHICH SHIRLEY AMERASINGHE PLANS TO CONVENE, FOR THEY WILL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OFFER A GENUINE OPPORTUNITY TO GAUGE WHETHER THERE IS THE WILL TO NEGOTIATE THE MAJOR REMAINING ISSUES RELATING TO THE SEABEDS AND THE CONCERNS OF THE LL/GDS.

I AM CONVINCED THAT THE ELEMENTS OF COMPROMISE ARE NOW PRESENT AND THAT WITH AN ACT OF REAL POLITICAL WILL ON THE PART OF DELEGATIONS WE CAN FIND A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE OUTCOME.

I DO HOPE WE WILL HAVE THE BENEFIT OF YOUR OWN PARTICIPATION IN FEBRUARY, WHICH WOULD BE SO IMPORTANT TO BUILDING MOMENTUM TOWARD COMPROMISE. ON A PERSONAL BASIS, I WOULD VERY MUCH WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH YOU IN GREATER DEPTH THAN WE WERE ABLE TO DO IN GENEVA IN NOVEMBER.

WITH ALL MY BEST WISHES AND WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS. SINCERELY, ELLIOT. END TEXT

3. I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE FULL, EXCELLENT REPORT YOU SENTIN REFTEL ON SENEGALESE VIEWS ABOUT THE LOS CONFERENCE. IT WAS A MOST HELPFUL ANALYSIS. SENEGAL'S

READINESS TO COOPERATE IN PUTTING COMPROMISE LANGUAGE
BEFORE THE GROUP OF 77 AT ITS MEETING IN DAKAR IN MARCH
IS OF COURSE WELCOME, AND WE WILL WISH TO CONSIDER AFTER
THE FEBRUARY CONSULTATIONS HOW WE CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
THIS DISPOSITION.

4. AS YOU WILL NOTE IN MY MESSAGE TO CISSE, I AM HAVING
A COPY OF OUR CRITIQUE OF THE SEABEDS PART OF THE ICNT
POUCHED TO YOU AND PARIS AND GENEVA FOR DELIVERY TO CISSE
AND FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE POST CONCERNED.

5. FOR PARIS: FRENCH LOS OFFICIALS HAVE ALREADY RE-
CEIVED A COPY.

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